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EXAMINED,  
OR,  
His Disguise discovered.

S H E W I N G,

The grosse mistakes and most notorious  
Falshoods in his dealing with the  
Commissioners for Approbation of Publike  
Preachers in his *INQUISITIO ANGLICANA*.

WHEREIN

Also a Brief and true account is given of  
their righteous proceedings with him  
and those that come before them.

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By One who hath been a constant Eye and Ear-Witnesse of all  
their proceedings, though now in no relation to them.

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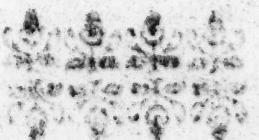
for Nathaniel Webb and William Grantham, at the Signe of the  
Bear in Pauls Churchyard. 1654.

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W A Y O N G  
P R I M E R

# M<sup>r</sup> S A D L E R R E - E X A M I N E D.

**M<sup>r</sup>**  *Nithony Sadler* a Minister of the Gospel (as he saith) inwardly called thereto by the Spirit of God, and outwardly by the Ordination of Dr Corbet Bishop of Oxon, Complaineth against the Proceedings of the Commissioners at *Whitchall* for Approbation of Ministers, and against their Commission which doth authorize their doings; as he saith: And gives in as grounds of this Complaint, their Injustice, Partiality, Delayes, and other Injuries done to such as come to them.

That these things are so, and his Complaint just, is by an Instance of their Proceedings in the Disapproving of himself and one Mr Taylor of Yorkeſhire, wherein many things as Matter of Fact are presented to make good his Complaint and the grounds of it: In the examination whereof, the evil fumisces, gross mistakes, and most notorious falsehoods of the said Complaint, and his ill spirit in it, will abundantly appear to any indifferent Reader.

For the Commission, which he termes a Spanish Inquisition, and the Importance of it, and the absolute necessity of some such way of Approbation, for substance, as is directed in that Ordinance, if ever there be a Soul-saving Ministry settled through *England*, is likely to be the subject of a more able Pen shortly. My undertaking at the present, is to discover the Imposture and Falshood in matters of Fact, Pleaded by him and laid as the Foundation upon which the whole Pile is set.

Upon this he builds not only High Reproaches against one of the Commissioners, who I am able to say did as much for

him as in Conscience he durst : But ventures at all the rest, thirty or fourty Persons together (eminently known for their worth, chosen out of both Universities, the City of *London* and other places for their Prudence and Sincerity ) are put under horrid and vile Representations by him.

And yet this is not enough : he ventures also to open his mouth wide against the Powers he appeals to : - The Ordinance and Commission it self of such Importance in the Contents of it, done upon such deliberation, and with the assistance of the ablest Lawyers in this Nation, published and acted upon, to the Comfort and spiritual refreshing of Thousands : And now all this is done, in his sight ( who is thus lifted up high in his own conceit) this seems to be but a kind of Romish-Spanish-Inquisition.

I will begin where he begins, with Matter of Fact, pag. 4. of his Book. There begins the Legend, the former Pages contain the vapors only exhaled from his corrupt and rotten Story, which followeth.

Mr Sadler §. I.

**I** Anthony Sadler a Minister of the Gospel, &c. I put in my Certificate upon the 10<sup>th</sup> of June ; which (waiting constantly upon them) was (upon the 14<sup>th</sup> day) Rejected; and Redelivered me by M<sup>r</sup> Nye the Commissioner, saying, *It was no Certificate.* —

Answer I.

The Ordinance by which the Commissioners sit enjoyneth, That before any Admittance there shall be brought to the Commissioners, a Testimonial in Writing subscribed with the hands of three Persons, — Who must testify upon their Personal knowledge. — Which said Certificate shall be duly Registered and Filed.

M<sup>r</sup> Sadlers Certificate was the Certificate of One, of a single Person, the Form of it thus :

Whereas the Bearer hereof Anthony Sadler, a Minister of Gods most holy Word, and my Domestick Chaplain, &c. — I thought good to attest, &c.

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This was returned to him by the hands of Mr Nye, with the true reason why they could not Register such a Certificate; who in all readiness as himself acknowledgeth, directed him to Form One according to the Ordinance, which he accordingly did, as in the next.

Mr Sadler, §.2.

I transcribed their own Form; which upon the 19<sup>th</sup> of June  
I exhibited with the Hands of—

*LETICIA Lady PAGETT.*

*WILLIAM Lord PAGETT.*

*GEORGE MANLEY, late Justice of Peace.*

*JOHN VINE R, Minister of Westminster.*

*EDWARD MARTIN, now in Commission.*

*ANTHONY TINGLE, Clerk of the Ab-*  
*(bey at Westminster.*

I waited day after day for Nine daies, after this; using  
all the lawful means I could, that I might but come unto  
my Trial.

Answer 2.

The 19<sup>th</sup> of June he saith. Now the 24<sup>th</sup> of June by the Ordinance, was the last for all that were presented in the former whole year, to procure their Admittance, under the Penalty of Lapse, as appeareth in the said Ordinance: The Commissioners extremely burdened with the Multitude that attended, were inforced to lay aside all other business, and for their sakes who were in danger of Lapse (which was not his Case) to intreat of others attending, to forbear untill those were dispatched: Mr Sadler also upon this Account was by one of the Commissioners spoken to, so that it is hardly beleaved he did or needed thus to wait: But if it were so, it was with less Inconvenience unto him, living but at Westminster, then many others: And indeed in those first three moneths, the business was so much and great upon their hands, as it was impossible to give that dispatch (especially to such as were Doubtfull) as each desired.

My Delay was very Troublesome (though not, it may be, Chargeable, as that of Mr Taylor was, who came from Yorke to London, and being Called, Examined, and Approved, at three weeks end; was yet stayed seven weeks after; and at the last, ( having spent above 20lb.) was enforced to return without their Instrument; because (as Mr Nye told Him; and He, Me;) His Certificate was not subscribed by Hands they knew.)

## Answer 3.

This seems to be the Master-piece of Mr Sadlers slanders: Three Particulars are affirmed:

1. Mr Taylor upon Examination was Approved.
2. He was staid (by the Commissioners) seven weeks after and spent above 20lb.
3. He returned at last without their Instrument, because his Certificate was not subscribed by Hands they knew.

Two of these are given out unto the world upon Mr Sadlers own Credit, the third he had from the Parties own mouth, as he saith, That no man may doubt the Truth of them: If these things be true, they are so much to his Purpose, that Mr Taylor well deserved the honour to have written the first *Inquisitio Anglicana*. But

## 1. Mr Taylor was not approved.

For the attendance of Mr Taylor, which you say was three weeks, and of many others besides him or Mr Sadler, was not occasioned from any neglect in the Commissioners, who sat constantly every day fore-noon and afternoon. But upon that just account given in the last Answer. Upon the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June the second day they sat after the hazard of Laps was over, they endeavoured his dispatch, the result as recorded in their Book, was this that followeth.

July 27. 1654. Mr Taylor his Certificate read, and the person examined, he hath given some indifferent satisfaction, but in regard his Certificate is imperfect, the Commiss-

Commissioners doe respite their *Approbation*, till he mend his *Certificate*. And that they may enquire further concerning him.

Therefore 1. It is not so as he affirmeth, *this man was approved by them*: It is true such an *Opinion* was recorded of him, as (upon further understanding and satisfaction in respect of his conversation) the Commissioners need not be put to the trouble of re-examination, which without some such remembrance could not be prevented whensoever they came to his *Approbation*: And let me adde here, he giving so just an occasion.—

2. Neither is that true which he intimated *Pag. 3.* as their method; *They first question the Form of his Certificate, and if this will not do, then they scruple the persons subscribing, and if this will not do, then thirdly he is called for and examined, &c.*

The falsehood of this doth evidently appear by the proceedings of the Commissioners before-mentioned in Mr *Taylor's Case*, and so Mr *Sadler* is condemned by his own witness, and indeed their ordinary Method is (as with Mr *Taylor*) 1. Although the Certificate do not satisfie so fully, yet they call in the person. 2. If they finde him so qualified, as if he had a good Certificate, they might approve, he is no longer necessitated to any personall attendance, but may by any Friend or Solicitor exhibite his better Certificate, and by the same hand receive the Instrument of his admittance. 3. If a man be in any respect doubtfull, they take the trouble of enquiry upon themselves (as in this instance) for having the advantage of frequent Posts in the compasse of a Week or ten daies they can understand from any part of *England*, and know of what repute the man is whencesoever he comes: This Mr *Sadler* laieth to their charge *Pag. 2.* as a crime, *They have by their Informers (saith he) Intelligence from all parts;* surely he only that hath done evil hateth this light.

2. He was not *paid seven weeks by the Commissioners* whatsoever he spent in that time. Thus it's cleared.

After he had given overture to the Commissioners at his first being before them, of his going back to his charge, he knowing

knowing they heard he was still about the Town, and how he avoided coming in sight, and thinking this would offend them, excuseth himself by a Letter to them ( which I have by me ) beginning thus, — *I beseech you excuse my long staying in Town, it was about importunate businesse at Bedford, &c.*

Let the Reader judge whether it be possible for Mr Sadler to make a trūth out of this notorious falsehood.

3. For what he addes in the third place, That

The Cause of his return unapproved was, because his Certificate was subscribed by men they knew not, I give this account.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of August following he came again to the Commissioners with a Certificate and a Letter, in which it was sent : This Letter bearing date August the first, was penned as from his Parishioners, and such expressions as these, viz.

*We are heartily grieved for your long absence ; we are informed you are sought to for York ; we hope in the Lord you will not forsake us ; It will be a great losse to us and other Parishes round about which long for your coming home ; we hope this Certificate will serve your turn : You know these men every one are of known note, &c.*

The Commissioners by a good Providence found it out, That there was never any such Letter written by his Parishioners, it was forged by himself, and the Names to it counterfeited : The Certificate also, the Names to it some by himself, and some by the hand that wrote the Certificate ; The Commissioners were able so fully to convince him of all this his forgery, that though he denied it notoriously at first, he could not at last but acknowledge it, Of all this am I an eye and ear-witness, and have the Letters and Certificate to shew, and for this cause the Commissioners durst not approve him ; And he was dismiss'd the same day, not by any message sent him, but by the whole board, he being present, who also dealt with him in a Christian way for this his evil-doing.

M<sup>r</sup> Sadler, S.4.

*At last ( being wearied with this strange attendance ) I sent*

In a Note to Mr Nye and Mr Peters, humbly entreating them, that I might have the favour to be Examined, for I had wasted most three weeks.

Word was brought me forthwith, That the Hands to my certificate were not approved of; That Afternoon their Clerk told me as much, and so gave me again my Certificate, and my Presentation both; (I say my Presentation, for This they kept all the while, that they might be informed of the value of it.)

*Answer 4.*

Munday the 26<sup>th</sup> of ~~June~~, the very first day any such businesse was taken in hand, for the Reasons before-mentioned, his Certificate with these Names were read to the Commissioners. And upon consideration that there being so many Ministers and others in and about Westminster, where he had so long lived, He might adde to his Testimony without much trouble to himself, one or two possibly more known to them then the Honourable persons and others that had under-written, he was desired so to do for their further satisfaction.

For that other passage.

If I say my Presentation, for this they kept all the while that they might be informed of the value of it, &c. compared with pag. 3. If they mistake the Minister and probably like the Living, &c.

He would intimate the Commissioners guilty of a very great wickednesse, which I am confident he hath not the least shew of ground for; I do not beleeve it can be said of any of them, that ever they have attempted directly or indirectly to pleasure themselves or any relation or friend of theirs, with any Living that for want of their Approbation hath hitherto become vacant; Much lesse to disapprove any one upon such a vile consideration: If there could have been any instance of this nature produced, I doubt not but he would have bestowed it freely, and it would have served him better then that strained simple surmise, They kept his Presentation three weeks, that they might be informed of the value of

*the Living.* 2. Is it probable a Patron will be so well pleased with the dis approbation of his Clerk as thus to reward any of those that have done it? 3. Many good Livings that were in his Highnesses gift had been void after that 24<sup>th</sup> of June, which (for fit men) they might as likely have procured if their design had been for Livings. But they rather humbly endeavoured with his Highnesse and his Councell, and thereupon obtained a Moneths time longer to prevent their being lapsed; It is a farre fetched strain of Revenge to suggest against them such wide unlikelihoods; The Lord pardon it.

## Mr Sadler §.

*Upon the first day of July I delivered my Certificate to their Clerk, and upon the third day I was called in before their Worships, and Mr Nye having the Chair began thus:*

## Answer 5.

Upon the first day of July, which was Saturday, on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> he was called in, here was no delay; Pag. 17. he saith, *He hath fully recollectet his Examinations;* and here he himself sets them down; Then certainly the Commissioners Examinations are not so long as he chargeth, pag. 4. For if this be the full collection which he hath printed, little more than a quarter of an hour would have dispatched such an examination; If there be any thing left out, then he is unfaithfull in his relating: I have heard some of the Commissioners (who knowing in what a broken and in many things mistaken way he hath printed his Examinations) wonder with what conscience he could offer (as in his Epistle to his Highnesse) to be deposited for the truth of them.

## Mr Sadler §.6.

*When they rose I followed Mr Nye, and askt him of the issue of my Examinations; He told me, The Commissioners did not Approve.—Mr Peters told him, That the Commissioners had not yet concluded any thing.—About a Fortnight after I met with Mr Lockier, and desired him, That a Vote might passe with*

with me or against me ; He said, There was a Vote, and bid me ask the Clerk, whom upon the 7<sup>th</sup> of August I did, and having the Book reviewed, there was only this Recorded, That such an One was Examined, and no more —

*Answer 6.*

It is true which Mr Nye told him, and was seconded by Mr Lockier, I was present and remember it ; I finde it also entred in the Book thus.

July 3<sup>d</sup> Mr Anthony Sadler his Certificate read, and the person Examined, six of the Commissioners being present and unsatisfied.

He being discoursed with again in the afternoon, when there was a fuller company, the result of it is recorded thus.

July 3<sup>d</sup> Mr Anthony Sadler who was examined in part in the morning, was this afternoon called in again, and further examined, and not approved.

And I can affirm from some further remembrance there written, That there was not one man of nine or ten then present that could give an affirmative for his approbation. With what forehead can this man affirm, that having the Book reviewed there was only this recorded, that such a one was Examined, and no more. Whereas it being thus written in the book with mine own hand that very day, he was last examined ; I can take my Oath there hath not been one word added since it was first written. I question much whether Mr Peters would tell him any thing otherwise then what was ; If he did mistake him, he had means to rectifie himself by what was recorded ; But he is so unwilling to see of himself any thing that is displeasing, that he can reade no unsatisfaction or disapprovement in the Book, though it be written plainly, and in respect to him, and in the common form in which the entry of any man disapproved is ordinarily made.

## Mr Sadler §.7.

*Sir, I beseech you to hold the Scale with Piety and Prudence, and let it not be turned by Policy or Prejudice.*

## Answer 7.

He supposeth him that is in the chair to hold the scales : Grant it, But if all the weight be put in one scale, and nothing in the other, as it was in his vote ; It is not the holding of the Scales though with never so much policy or cunning can alter the result : I wonder what imaginable advantage it can be to any of the Commissioners or any that belongs to them, that a man be put by, more then if he be admitted ; Wherein lieth the Policy ? To pleasure some friend or relation with their places that are disapproved ? They are of all men least capable, as hath been shewed before : If matter of Profit, I can this truly say and have to prove it, Twenty, Forty Pounds at a time hath been offered me to get a Person approved, but I never heard of a Farthing offered to put any man by : And for any ease to them by it, I can truly say from what I have often heard and seen, Ten persons (if of worth) have been put into Places with less trouble, then ordinarily one man is disapproved ; The Indulgence of the Commissioners is such, and their unwillingness to misunderstand of any Persons worth, that Liberty is given to those that for present are disapproved, to return and be examined again even *tunc quoties* : If they perceive a man not so ready, or incomposed, they ordinarily intreat one or two of the Commissioners to discourse with him in a more private way, and make a report ; It is seldom any Person is disapproved, so long as any one Commissioner hath hopes, that possibly he may some other way, or at some other time give better satisfaction.

## Mr Sadler, §.8.

*I have, and shall again (as occasion serves,) Preach, both Practicall, and School-Divinity ; This for Manifestation in regard of my Sufficiency ; and That, for Edification in regard of the People.*

Answer

*Answer 8.*

It seems by his own confession he doth not alwayes Preach for Edification, but sometimes for Ostentation, and this he bath done, and this he is resolved *to do again*: Is such a man fit to be Approved to take Charge of the Souls of People, that purposeth and professeth this to be his purpose so often *as occasion serves*, that is, when he hath an opportunity to manifest his Sufficiency, then out shall come his School-quiddities, and all his Fine Holliday Sermons, although he knows before-hand this will be openly for the manifestation of his Sufficiency, or (as the Vulgar) Preaching himself, and knows also its an other kind of Divinity, and what to call ; it that is, for Edification of the People ?

But Mr Sadler, whatsoever you boast, this surely is not your constant Practise, for when you were before the Commissioners for their Approvement (a fit occasion) there was little of these fine School-matters for the manifestation of your Sufficiency : No, and I beleeve others will so judge now you are in print, though your Answers have thriven well for what they were, since they have been in your own keeping, and much better fitted to the Questions, and the Questions better fitted to their Answers.

But Sir, Why do you tell the Commissioners this ( that you are resolved *as occasion serves*, to preach your Self as well as Edifie the People ) and then tell his Highnes, and the Parliament, and all the Nation, you have told them so ; and then complain of their Partiality, Injustice, &c. in not approving you ? Certainly this is not such a transcendent high virtue in a Preacher, that wheresoever it is found, though otherwise weak, carnall, superstitious, or what ever other defects, this admirable dexterity in making use of Practical and School-divinity must bear him out ?

Now to summe up all for Conclusion : By this Re-examination of Mr Sadler, we may observe what he seems to be in his own, and what he deserves to be in other mens opinion. He represents himself as one converted, when at his secret devotion, and now as sure he bath the life of grace in him, as he

*is sure he bath the life of nature, pa. 9. and applieth Christ with like confidence as Thomas did when he said My Lord and my God (pa. 12.) One that loves the Brethren, and all his delight is upon the Saints: Called to the Ministry by the Spirit and Dr Corbet, and takes Preferment out of zeal to advance Gods glory. For this mans state in grace, farre be it from me to judg it; I shall examine only the vifibility and proof of it in those fruits mentioned.*

1. For *his love to the brethren, and delight in the Saints*, his Practice little confirms it: Where is that covering of Infirmitie? Nay is there not a discovering and carrying them forth into the world, Preaching them upon the houle top; Printing them as he professeth, for those that live in after ages: And these too so farre from being *their Infirmitie*, that they are evidently *his*: They are only his evil surmises, and impudent flanders out of a base self-end cast upon his Brethren, to piece up to himself a reputation of worth and Learning: I say these Lyes and falsehoods are *his*; either naturally begotten, coming out of his own loyns, or by adoption made his, he owning and reporting them.

2. And for *his Pretended zeal in his function, or indeed his understanding what belongs to such a High Calling*, Compare what hath been said in the last Answer with pa. 17. *I shall God willing employ my talent to my utmost power, to thy best advantage.* And what is the best advantage? He tells you he bath, yea and shall again preach with regard to his own advantage, credit and applause of men, that it may be said of him, There goeth a great School-Divine: And he is of this opinion, He being such a Preacher is *Approved both of God and the World*, though their Approbation seldom go together. And now I am come to the bottom of the quarrell I shall end, which is this; Mr Saaler being in his own opinion a man strongly furnished with *Practicall and School-Divinity*, a knowing man in what is the duty of a Preacher, which he learnedly expresseth in these words, *I know a Teacher of Gods Word hath a fourfold duty, and th<sup>e</sup> Word of God a fourfold use, three pratique and one contemplative* ( and there is all he hath yet of this discovery ) one that though he cannot answer quodlibets ex-

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tempore, nor make out upon the suddain the gifts and graces  
that are within him, yet it is well known he hath preached in a  
City, and (the Text given him) upon a dayes warning: Because  
this man for these high qualifications (as he thinks) may not  
therefore be approved with all his defects, The Commissi-  
ners and their Ordinance, and proceedings, and all must forth-  
with be disapproved: And leading up thus bravely, he ex-  
pects and calls upon his Highness the Lord Protector, the Ho-  
nourable Parliament, the Clergy, the People of this Nation,  
the present age, and the ages to come, to rise up and follow  
close after him against those busie men the Approvers, that  
do the utmost in them ~~to~~ to keep mens souls from being  
starved by the remainder of this Episcopall generation.

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### A Copy of a Certificate according to the Ordinance.

*WE whose Names are under-written, for the better satisfaction  
of the Commissioners for Approbation of Publick Preachers,  
do testify upon our Personal knowledge, That M<sup>r</sup> A. B. of C. in  
the County of D. is a Person of a holy and good Conversation; In  
witnessse whereof we hereunto subscribe this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
Ann. Dom.*

This, or to some such purpose, to be testified under  
the hands of three persons of known godlinesse  
and integrity, whereof one at least to be a Prea-  
cher of the Gospel in some constant settled place.

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*And so much for this time.*

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the following day, the author of the letter, Mr. George C. Brainerd, was present at the meeting.

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